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TAGS: PBOR, MARR, KS, KN

SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN NLL INCURSIONS: MND FOREIGN PRESS BRIEFING

REF: SEOUL 8064

1. VICE MINISTER NATIONAL DEFENSE CHAE KWANG-SU HELD  
CONFERENCE FOR FOREIGN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES DEC 2 ON  
SUBJECT NORTH KOREAN "PROVOCATIONS" OFF NORTHWEST COAST.  
MND YU HAD BRIEFED LOCAL PRESS PRECEEDING DAY (REFTEL).  
PRESS SOURCE GAVE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF BRIEFING TO USIS  
OFFICER.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE CHAE SAID ROK NAVY AND AIR  
FORCE PLACED ON ALERT FOLLOWING KPA TERRITORIAL CLAIMS  
AT 346TH MAC MEETING. HE WARNED THAT IF NORTH  
CONTINUED INCURSIONS ROK WILL TAKE FIRM ACTION.  
CHAE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH UNC LISTED ONLY SIX  
VIOLATIONS AT MAC MEETING, SINCE OCT 21 NORTH HAS  
COMMITTED 43 SUCH ACTS (APPARENT REFERENCE TO NLL  
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CROSSINGS). HE INFORMED PRESS THAT ROKG IS

MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH UNC TO COPE WITH SITUATION.

3. CHAE ALSO QUOTED AS SPECULATING THAT REASONS FOR NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATIONS MIGHT BE ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH CLAIM TO 12-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT, MAINTAIN WATERWAY TO HAEJU PORT, AND USE MILITARY MEANS FOR OTHER (UNSPECIFIED) POLITICAL ENDS.

4. DURING QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO SAY IF PROBLEM WOULD BE HANDLED BY NEGOTIATION. HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT ROK ADHERES TO TERRITORIAL LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW BUT THEN REFUSED TO DEFINE WHAT THAT MEANT.

5. CHAE REPORTEDLY LATER ISSUED CLARIFICATION TO AP REP OF TERMS USED IN BRIEFING RE "ALERT" EXPLAINING THAT CERTAIN ROK AIR FORCE AND NAVY COMMANDS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON "STAND BY ALERT" WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY CHANGES IN PROCEDURES OR STATUS OF MILITARY READINESS. HE STATED THAT SUCH STANDBY ALERTS ARE NOT UNUSUAL AND HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT NUMEROUS TIMES SINCE ARMISTICE.  
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